

## JUSTIFICATION OF PROGRAM AND PERFORMANCE

Activity: Other Permanent Appropriations

Program Components	2000 Estimate	2001 Budget Estimate	Change From 2000 (+/-)
A. Park Concessions Franchise Fees and Concessions Improvement Accounts*	35,000	38,000	+3,000
B. Park Buildings Lease and Maintenance Fund	1,000	2,000	+1,000
C. Operation and Maintenance of Quarters	15,151	15,454	+303
D.1. Glacier Bay National Park Resource Protection	[325]	[325]	[0]
D.2. Delaware Water Gap National Recreational Area Route 209 Operations	[150]	[150]	[0]
D.3. National Maritime Heritage Grants	[0]	[0]	[0]
D. Subtotal	475	475	+0
<b>Total Requirements \$(000)</b>	<b>51,626</b>	<b>55,929</b>	<b>+4,303</b>

\* The Concessions Improvement Accounts portion of these amounts is \$20 million in FY 2000 and \$22 million in FY 2001.

### AUTHORIZATION

Park Concessions Franchise Fees. Title IV, the National Park Service Concessions Management Improvement Act of 1998, of Public Law 105-391, the National Parks Omnibus Management Act of 1998.

Park Buildings Lease and Maintenance Fund. Public Law 105-391, section 802.

Operation and Maintenance of Quarters. 5 U.S.C. 5911 and Public Law 98-473, section 320 (98 Stat. 1874), as amended by Public Law 100-446, section 316 (102 Stat. 1826) (5 U.S.C. 5911 note).

Glacier Bay National Park Resource Protection. Public Law 104-333, section 703 of Division I (110 Stat. 4185).

Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area, Route 209 Operations. Public Law 98-63, Chapter VII (97 Stat. 329) as amended by: Section 117 of Public Law 98-151 (97 Stat. 977); Public Law 99-88, Chapter VII (99 Stat. 343); and Public Law 104-333, Section 702 of Division I (110 Stat. 4185).

National Maritime Heritage Grants. 16 U.S.C. 5401-5408 as amended by Public Law 105-85, section 1026 (111 Stat. 1878).

### OVERVIEW

This activity includes the several permanent appropriations that are not derived from recreation fees.

The Delaware Water Gap, Route 209 Operations account and the National Maritime Heritage Grants account are combined with the Glacier Bay National Park Resource Protection account for presentation purposes, in accordance with Administration policy. Separate accounts are maintained for accounting purposes for all items in this section.

### APPLICABLE NATIONAL PARK SERVICE MISSION GOALS

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- Ia Natural and cultural resources and associated values are protected, restored and maintained in good condition and managed within their broader ecosystem and cultural context.
  - Ib The National Park Service contributes to knowledge about natural and cultural resources and associated values; management decisions about resources and visitors are based on adequate scholarly and scientific information.
  - IIa Visitors safely enjoy and are satisfied with the availability, accessibility, diversity, and quality of park facilities, services, and appropriate recreational opportunities.
  - IIb Park visitors and the general public understand and appreciate the preservation of parks and their resources for this and future generations.
  - IIIa Natural and cultural resources are conserved through formal partnership programs.
  - IVa The National Park Service uses current management practices, systems, and technologies to accomplish its mission.
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### ***A. Park Concessions Franchise Fees and Concessions Improvement Accounts Estimated Program and Anticipated Accomplishments***

Beginning in FY 1999, all franchise fees and other monetary consideration paid to the United States pursuant to concessions contracts under the National Park Service Concessions Management Improvement Act of 1998 are deposited in a special account and used in the National Park System. Eighty percent of the funds collected are retained and used by the collecting park unit for visitor services and to fund high-priority and urgently necessary resource management programs and operations, and 20 percent are used to support activities throughout the National Park System. In FY 1999, \$14,538,000 was retained by the National Park Service. For FY 2000, receipts are estimated to be \$15,000,000.

For FY 2001, receipts are estimated to be \$16,000,000, a gradual increase from FY 2000 that is expected to continue in future years as all new and renewed concession contracts come under the National Park Service Concessions Management Improvement Act of 1998. All new contracts will contain franchise fee and other financial requirements that reflect the probable value of the authorization consistent with our policies. No discretionary contract extensions will be approved without financial analysis to ensure the Government receives adequate considerations for the duration of the extension. There is an immediate backlog of contracts that must reflect the new law and resultant regulations, which are expected to be published in final in early spring 2000. The NPS has developed a strategy to facilitate the issuance of over 100 of the higher revenue producing expired contracts by December 2000. More information on the collection and expenditure of concession franchise fees and concession improvement accounts will be provided in a separate report prepared during FY 2000, similar to the report provided in July 1999.

**Concessions Improvement Accounts:** Some National Park Service agreements with private concessioners providing visitor services within national parks required the concessioners to deposit a portion of gross receipts or a fixed sum of money in a separate bank account. With park approval, a concessioner expends funds from such an account for improvement to facilities that directly support concession visitor services, but would not otherwise be funded through the appropriation process. Concessioners do not accrue possessory interests from improvements funded through these accounts. The National Park Service Concessions Management Improvement Act of 1998 will result in a reduction of funds deposited into these accounts since income from the new agreements would be credited to the new Park Concessions Franchise Fees account to become available to the Park Service without further appropriation for park improvements.

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### ***B. Park Buildings Lease and Maintenance Fund Estimated Program and Anticipated Accomplishments***

Pursuant to the provisions of section 802(a) of Title VIII of Public Law 105-391, rental payments under a lease for the use of buildings and associated property administered as part of the National Park System are deposited in a special Park Buildings Lease and Maintenance Fund account to be used for infrastructure needs in the National Park System. Regulations are currently being promulgated by the Secretary, as required by Public Law 105-391, to implement and regulate new leasing procedures. Public Law 105-391 provides that funds be used for infrastructure needs at units of the National Park System, including facility refurbishment, repair and replacement, infrastructure projects associated with park resource protection, and direct maintenance of the leased buildings and associated properties.

For FY 2000, it is estimated that receipts will be \$1,000,000. For FY 2001, it is estimated that receipts will increase to \$2,000,000 as the program is further implemented. Funds will primarily be used for authorized infrastructure needs at the respective park units where collected, including direct maintenance and repair of the buildings leased.

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### ***C. Operation and Maintenance of Quarters Estimated Program and Anticipated Accomplishments***

Rental payments are deducted from the pay of National Park Service employees occupying housing units in National Park System areas in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 5911, and are deposited in a special fund and used to operate and maintain these Government-owned quarters throughout the National Park System in a safe and habitable condition for employees and their families in accordance with Public Law 98-473 as amended by Public Law 100-446.

For FY 2000, receipts are estimated to be \$15,151,000, an increase from FY 1999, reflecting the estimated effect of inflation on the rental rates.

In FY 1999, the National Park Service recorded charges totaling \$2,127,186 for housing maintenance and operations in the Operation of the National Park System appropriation in addition to the funds derived from the quarters rental income. This statement is provided as required by section 814(a)(14) of Division I of Public Law 104-333.

For FY 2001, receipts are estimated to be \$15,454,000, an increase from the amount for FY 2000, reflecting the estimated effect of continued inflation on the rental rates.

#### **Performance Goals**

Long-term Goal IVa5	By September 30, 2005, 50% of employee housing units listed in poor or fair condition in 1997 assessments will be rehabilitated to good condition, replaced, or removed.
Annual Goal IVa5	By September 30, 2001, 25% of employee housing units listed in poor or fair condition in 1997 assessments will be rehabilitated to good condition, replaced, or removed.

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### ***D.1. Glacier Bay National Park, Resource Protection Estimated Program and Anticipated Accomplishments***

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Sixty percent of the revenues from fees paid by tour boat operators or other permittees for entering Glacier Bay National Park are deposited into a special account and used to fund certain activities to protect resources of the park from harm by permittees, in accordance with section 703 of Division I of Public Law 104-333. The activities authorized for funding through the special account are acquisition and prepositioning of emergency response equipment to prevent harm to aquatic park resources from permittees, and investigations to quantify any effect of permittees' activity on wildlife and other natural resource values of the park, to help determine any appropriate limitations on permittees' activities. For FY 2000, receipts are estimated to be \$325,000.

For FY 2001, receipts are estimated to be \$325,000, equal to the amount for FY 2000.

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#### ***D.2. Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area, Route 209 Operations Estimated Program and Anticipated Accomplishments***

Funds collected from fees for commercial use of U.S. Route 209 within the boundaries of Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area are used for the management, operation, construction, and maintenance of U.S. Route 209 within the park boundaries. By law, U.S. Route 209 within the boundaries of Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area is closed to commercial vehicular traffic, except for that based within the recreation area, or serving businesses and persons located within or contiguous to its boundaries, or with business facilities located or serving in certain nearby counties. The law further authorizes a limited fee for the use of Route 209 by commercial vehicles driving through the recreation area as allowed by law. After the authority to collect fees expired in 1993, this authority was restored in November of 1996 by section 702 of Division I of Public Law 104-333. For FY 2000, receipts are estimated to be \$150,000.

For FY 2001, receipts are estimated to be \$150,000, equal to the amount for FY 2000.

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#### ***D.3. National Maritime Heritage Grants Estimated Program and Anticipated Accomplishments***

Twenty-five percent of any revenues received from the sale of obsolete vessels in the National Defense Reserve Fleet are used to provide matching grants to State and local governments and private nonprofit organizations under the National Maritime Heritage Grants Program, for certain maritime heritage education and preservation purposes, and for related administrative expenses, in accordance with 16 U.S.C. 5401-5408.

For FY 2000 and FY 2001, no receipts are estimated, based on an estimate of no sales because of the cost of removing hazardous waste to comply with Government requirements. It is not certain that any vessels will be sold in the future under this program because of the cost of removing hazardous waste and because of continuing deterioration of the vessels. The authority for sale of obsolete vessels under this program expires at the end of FY 2001 under current law.